## RESTORATION OF PEATLAND

## FROM SOURCE TO SINK

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Peatlands store twice as much carbon as all the world's forests combined!
- Degraded peatlands
  emit more CO<sub>2</sub> than
  global shipping and
  aviation combined
- Peatlands are responsible for 25% EU agriculture emissions
- Peatlands provide vital habitats for specialized species like carnivorous plants











- RESTORATION
- When drained, peatlands become major sources of greenhouse gases.
- Restoration reverses this by turning them back into carbon sinks.
- Invasive plants outcompete natives, delaying ecological recovery.
- Expectations of restoration are healthy peatlands, reality is altered species composition.
- Scotland has restored 350 km<sup>2</sup> of degraded peatland since 2012.



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